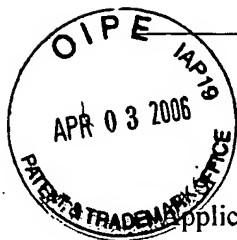


Please Direct All Correspondence to Customer Number **20995**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant : Kato et al.  
App. No : 10/796,609  
Filed : March 9, 2004  
For : FRAME ARRANGEMENT FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLE  
Examiner : Unknown  
Art Unit : 3611

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

March 31, 2006

(Date)

William H. Shreve, Reg. No. 35,678

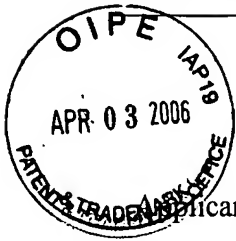
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 equivalent listing references for consideration:
  - (X) Listing 11 references.
  - (X) Enclosing two references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

William H. Shreve  
Registration No. 35,678  
Attorney of Record  
Customer No. 20,995  
(949) 760-0404



## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

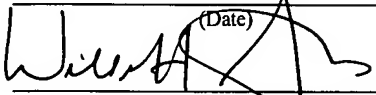
Applicant : Kato et al.  
App. No : 10/796,609  
Filed : March 9, 2004  
For : FRAME ARRANGEMENT FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLE  
Examiner : Unknown  
Art Unit : 3611

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

March 31, 2006

(Date)

  
William H. Shreve, Reg. No. 35,678

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 11 references to be considered by the Examiner. Also enclosed are two foreign patent references and/or non-patent literature as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement.

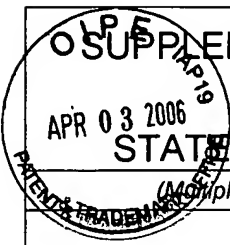
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required. If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON &amp; BEAR, LLP

Dated: March 31, 2006By: 

William H. Shreve  
Registration No. 35,678  
Attorney of Record  
Customer No. 20,995  
(949) 760-0404

 <b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> (Multiple sheets used when necessary)	Application No.	10/796,609
	Filing Date	March 9, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Kato et al.
	Art Unit	3611
	Examiner	Unknown
SHEET 1 OF 1	Attorney Docket No.	FY.51042US1A

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number Number - Kind Code (if known) Example: 1,234,567 B1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	4,650,029	03-17-1987	Foot et al.	
	2	4,821,685	04-18-1989	Matsushima et al.	
	3	5,086,858	02-11-1990	Mizuta	
	4	5,575,352	11-19-1996	Suzuki et al.	
	5	5,873,428	02-23-1999	Ohshita et al.	
	6	6,076,624	06-20-2000	Izumi et al.	
	7	6,155,371	12-5-2000	Izumi	
	8	6,269,899	08-07-2001	Izumi	
	9	6,510,912	01-28-2003	Atsuumi	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code-Number-Kind Code Example: JP 1234567 A1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>1</sup>
	10	JP 6-34213	09/07/1994	Kawasaki Heavy Ind Ltd		
	11	JP 2000-103246	04-11-2000	Kawasaki Heavy Ind Ltd		

## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>1</sup>

2481427/lay  
032806

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

T<sup>1</sup> - Place a check mark in this area when an English language Translation is attached.